

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): A hand tool comprising a holder portion from which a plurality of tools can be selectively swung out for use, said holder portion comprising two holder plates disposed opposite to each other with a distance provided therebetween, and three connecting axles connecting said two holder plates, wherein said two holder plates each include three protruding plate portions extending from a plate center portion in three directions, wherein said three connecting axles are individually fixed to said three protruding plate portions, and wherein said plurality of tools are supported by said three connecting axles individually in a freely swinging manner and are adapted to be accommodated within said distance.

2. (original): The hand tool according to claim 1, wherein said three connecting axles are each fixed at positions displaced from a center line of each protruding plate portion.

3. (currently amended): The hand tool according to claim ~~1 or 2~~, wherein said holder portion comprises a stopper axle parallel to said connecting axles, by which stopper axle the range of swing of said plurality of tools is limited, wherein said stopper axle is fixed between said two holder plates such that, as any of said plurality of tools is swung out and abutted against said stopper axle, a center line of the tool that has been swung is substantially aligned with the center line of said protruding plate portion.

4. (currently amended): The hand tool according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein said holder portion comprises an illuminating device for illuminating the tip of the tool that has been selected and swung, said illuminating device being adapted to be pulled from and pushed back into said holder portion.

5. (original): The hand tool according to claim 4, wherein said illuminating device is disposed at the center of said holder portion and is supported rotatably in said holder portion, such that it can illuminate the tip of the tool that has been selected and swung open.